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Informal memorandum from Washington Field regarding allegation received through confidential informant that Supreme Court Justice Mr. Fortas was a homosexual. This allegation was furnished to Fortas, by C. D. DeLoach. Mr. Hoover ruled against Tolson and DeLoach in their recommendation to bring to attention of the Attorney General.

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(Fortas)

July 24, 1967

MR. TOLSON:

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, I saw Justice Fortas at his home at 5:10 p.m. on 7/24/67. I told him we had received an allegation from a source of information reflecting participation in homosexual activities on his part. I stated that the Director wanted this matter discreetly and informally brought to his attention so that he would be aware of such an allegation. I mentioned that the FBI was taking no further action in connection with this matter and that the fact that the Director was making this available to him was strictly for his own personal protection and knowledge.

Justice Fortas was handed the attached memorandum so that he could read it personally. After reading this memorandum, he told me that the charges were ridiculous and absolutely false. He stated he had never committed a homosexual act in his life and while he might be properly accused of normal sexual relations while a young man and during his married life, he most certainly had never committed homosexual acts at any time.

X With respect to the arrest record of one [redacted] who has been arrested on three different occasions by the Metropolitan Police for homosexual activity, Justice Fortas told me he wasn't surprised to learn of this inasmuch as he and [redacted] always felt a little suspicious toward [redacted] and has served in this capacity for the past five years. [redacted] stated that he and [redacted] in the past, have noted that [redacted] seems to be somewhat effeminate and that he never tried to date the girls [redacted] While not making any commitment, Justice Fortas stated that [redacted] arrest record could certainly prove most embarrassing to [redacted] and that something would have to be done about the situation.

Justice Fortas expressed great appreciation for having been provided with the above facts. He asked that his thanks be extended to the Director for having handled the matter in this manner. There followed a brief discussion concerning the racial situation in Detroit inasmuch as Justice Fortas has been at the White House all day at the President's request, working on this matter.

Respectfully,

C. D. DeLoach

Enclosure  
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Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

7/20/67

Attached memorandum from the Washington Field Office reflects possible homosexual activities on the part of Justice Abe Fortas.

Messrs. Tolson and DeLoach recommend that a memorandum be prepared forwarding this information to the Attorney General.  
Mr. DeLoach  
CDD:CSH Fortas. R.P.



Room 5744 \_\_\_\_\_, 1967

To:

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Mr. Wick  
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Joseph H. Purvis  
Washington Field Division



July 20, 1967

is an active and aggressive homosexual has been an informant of the Washington Field Office. He is and over the years has provided a great deal of reliable information.

Metropolitan Police Department, was born, according to records of. He was arrested by the Metropolitan Police on 9/1/64 while residing at charged with disorderly. He elected to forfeit \$10. fine. record of is available in the FBI's Identification Division. Records of the Department of Motor Vehicles show a currently valid driver's permit. His date of birth shown as in DMV files. These files contain a photograph of

On advised a Washington Field ice agent that he had "balled" with Abe Fortas on several occasions or to Mr. Fortas' becoming a Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Informant stated that to "ball" is to have a homosexual relationship with another male. Informant quoted as stating

Informant stated said he had met Fortas though he knew personally as a homosexual who had in been arrested in the past at a "gay" party.

Records of the Metropolitan Police Department show who was born. The FBI Identification Division contains a record under FBI Number. was arrested by the Police Department in Washington on and charged with Dis- orderly Conduct--Pervert Party.

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